PRESENT—*cont.*

Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapati Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
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Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.
Zamindar of Singampatti.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Irrigation

Reconsideration of G.O. No. 2616 *I., dated* 19*th October* 1928, *on the report of the Mettur Project Deputation.*

* 1802 *Q.*—Mr. S. Ellappa Chettiyar: With reference to the resolution of this Council, dated 29th November 1928, regarding the reconsideration of the G.O. No. 2616 I., dated 19th October 1928, on the report of the Mettur Project Deputation, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the work of investigation has been commenced as promised in the Government Order;

(*b*) if so, in what district; and

(*c*) the progress that has been made till now?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Salem and Trichinopoly districts.

(*c*) The staff began work last month. It is too early to call for a progress report.

Land Revenue Establishment

Appointments to upper grade vacancies in Cuddapah Collectorate.

* 1803 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of upper grade vacancies in the Cuddapah Collectorate that were filled up by promotion from 1920 with special reference to the community to which the promoted persons belong?

A.—The Government have not the information and regret they are unable to call for it as they do not think the work involved in its preparation would be commensurate with its value to the public.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"In reply to the question Government say that they have not the information and that they do not think that the work involved in its preparation would be commensurate with its value to the public. May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member is aware that the standard that he fixed to the value of the public is different from the value that the representatives of the Council or of the people attach?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I do not know, Sir."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"In that case, may I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member will supply the information?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"No, Sir."